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in Southern Europe and former president of the Naval War College in Newport.

Admiral Turner seems to have the qualifications. An apt student during his Amherst and Naval Academy days, he has had a naval career encompassing a variety of assignments. His non-professional background is wide-ranging and is based on an innate curiosity and never-ending activity. He loves opera and sports and his academic interests have included studies in philosophy, politics and economics as a Rhodes Scholar. He also has a reputation as a manager.

What Congress and most thoughtful taxpayers are, or should be, concerned about is the admiral's sensitivity for the rights of people and their civil government at home and abroad. The country has been burned by excesses and callousness of previous CIA directors, notably during the Nixon years.

What is clear at present is that the admiral is not wedded to any partisan doctrine. He is a professional's profes-

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pect for the CIA

reac- sional. The Senate will have ample op-
dore portunity to discern his attitudes
Intel- about the gathering of intelligence
now and the uses to which it can and should
who be put.

Mr. President Ford's man for the job
field was George Bush. He left office with a
clean record but he was and is essen-
tially a politician, having served as
Republican national chairman. This
left an aura of partisanship where no
political ties belong.

President Carter's initial choice,
Mr. Sorensen, is a bright man with
considerable experience in govern-
ment but he couldn't resist the lure of
"borrowing" government papers,
writing a book based in part on them,
and then "donating" them to the ar-
chives with a subsequent income tax
deduction claim.

The directorship of the CIA is not an
easy slot to fill. The person who holds
it cannot be in a position where he is
likely to be compromised. At the same
time, he is in a job which must direct
operations in a world and at a time in
which the United States is subject to
all manner of highly sophisticated
spying attempts.

Admiral Turner seems ideally suit-
ed for the job. A hard worker, non-
politician devoted to the service of his
country, he could rank among the best
of the men, nine of them since the
agency was first established in 1947, to
have held this vital office.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the DDCI
VIA : Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Operations
FROM : Director of Security
Chief, Counterintelligence Staff
SUBJECT : Information for Admiral Turner

Forwarded herewith is a joint response to your request incorporated in the morning meeting notes of 15 February 1977, paragraph 3.c.

[Redacted Signature]

Robert W. Gambino

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